

# social inclusion news

**Welcome** to Capital City Partnership's Social Inclusion News. We would encourage you to share your views, contribute information and articles to forthcoming editions. Details of how to do this are included on the last page.

## Transition and Passport Certificate Ceremony

### Student's Successes Recognised at Latest Certificate Ceremony

On Monday 28th July, students at the Transition and Passport Projects were recognised for their hard work when they were presented with their SQA certificates by Fergus Ewing MSP at the certificate ceremony.

The Minister for Community Safety presented 97 students with 164 SQA qualifications which had been achieved between February and July 2008.

The MSP, who had visited the Transition Project in June, commented that:

*"I have seen at first hand the excellent work that is being done with people who are recovering from drug use to help develop their skills and give them the confidence to move into employment. The challenge is to ensure that this type of service is provided more consistently across Scotland."*

The ceremony also saw the continuing success of the Transition-LEAP (Lothian and Edinburgh Abstinence Programme) partnership. Eleven LEAP graduates have used Transition to open up opportunities through education and received 14 SQA certificates between them.

Sian Fiddimore, Project Manager, was delighted with the student's achievements and said:

*"The impressive results echo the commitment and dedication of the stakeholders to prove that change is possible when services work strategically together. I extend my congratulations to all the students of Passport and Transition for their hard work and achievement."*

One student, Naomi, who gained an incredible 7 SQA's has used her qualifications to progress on to a fitness training course, equipping her with the skills needed to become a fitness instructor. She said:

*"I cannot believe I'm going to have a proper job. I just never thought I would be able to do it."*

The Passport Project, funded by Capital City Partnership, works to move vulnerable people in Edinburgh out of care, prison, addictions and homelessness and into education, training and employment.

Transition, managed by Access to Industry, is based at 15 Blair Street, Edinburgh and is a structured daily programme of learning which enables recovering substance users to gain SQA accredited qualifications and progress on to further education, training and employment.

Further information on these projects can be found at <http://www.accesstoindustry.co.uk> or by phoning 0131 226 3006.



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## ILA Scotland Changes & Online Application

### ILA Scotland Online Application

Did you know that you can now request an ILA Scotland application pack online?

This is a significant development for ILA Scotland making the scheme even more accessible to people who are interested in learning something new.

Partner organisations are also encouraged to offer support by helping to register their services users and volunteers for their application pack.

**If you would like to find out more about the online application or about how you can get help to track your learners please contact the Partnership Support helpline on 0141 285 6020 or e-mail [partners@ilascotland.org.uk](mailto:partners@ilascotland.org.uk)**

### Changes to ILA Scotland

The introduction of the online application request coincides with a number of changes within the ILA Scotland scheme including the removal of the £100 offer and the introduction of the £500 offer for part time higher education learners.

Now people who are 16 or over and living in Scotland can apply for a learner account that will give them up to £500 a year towards a part-time higher education course such as an HNC, HND or a Degree at ILA Scotland approved colleges or universities.

**Application packs for learners are available and can be obtained by calling the ILA Scotland helpline free on 0808 100 1090 or by visiting the ILA Scotland website at <http://www.ilascotland.org.uk>**

**If you would like to help promote this funding you can order revised marketing materials by e-mailing [tock@ppd-pinpoint.co.uk](mailto:tock@ppd-pinpoint.co.uk) or calling 01738 633 322.**



## Partnership Working in North Edinburgh

### Craigroyston Pupils Experience the Real World of Work

A group of Craigroyston pupils studying hospitality recently toured the Edinburgh Capital Hotel (part of the Portland Group) to give them a taste of the real world of work and to learn about the range of jobs available in the industry.

The visit, arranged through the North Edinburgh Business Partnership, gave the young people a chance to gain a deeper knowledge of the hospitality industry and spend time in areas such as the restaurant, bar, housekeeping and leisure.

Patricia Snow, Craigroyston teacher of Home Economics, said, *"The students had a great time and were delighted to meet the manager who was a former Craigroyston student! I hope that this experience will prove invaluable and will form a link with the hotel which will lead to work experience placements, part time jobs and careers in the industry when they leave school."*

Margaret Brennan, Director of Human Resources for the Portland Hotel Group, commented, *"We believe it is important to work with local schools to let the students know what great opportunities the hotel industry has in terms of a career. We were all really impressed by the enthusiasm the students showed towards the hotel and we are delighted to be working with them again later on in the year. I am really grateful to SBC North Edinburgh for creating the link with the school, one that I know will continue."*

Capital Hotel Manager, Mark McKenzie said, *"When I was told that Craigroyston was visiting I was thrilled. I certainly enjoyed my school years and remember the school, the staff and my former pupils fondly as if it was yesterday. I hope that all the pupils who came to visit us got a taste of what a hotel working environment can be like and perhaps an idea of what some of them can achieve when they leave school should they want to join the industry. The hospitality industry can be a hard place to work but*

Partnership working in North Edinburgh



Craigroyston pupils at the Edinburgh Capital Hotel  
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*it can also be fun and I hope the pupils took that experience away with them.*

*Being at the heart of the local community on the north side of Edinburgh is important not only to the hotel as a source of revenue but as a source of talent. I hope we can see more pupils at the hotel in the future as either guests or colleagues."*

### **Father Ross Bell – Working in the Community**

A most dynamic man has joined the local community. He is Father Ross Bell an Anglican priest employed by a consortium of nine Christian Churches to work on developing communities in the Waterfront. It is Ross's task to bring together 40,000 households as a community, celebrating their diversity and helping them engage with one another.

*Asked about his background Ross explained, "Having been born in the capital city of Scotland I am aware that I am a European, it is simply an important part of my identity. I am a regeneration practitioner and enjoy working in teams of people of diverse skills and personalities having had successful experience in working in the public and voluntary sectors. I was an Assistant Director for a regeneration organisation in Walsall in the West Midlands and have also lived in Wolverhampton for a number of years working as a Neighbourhood Manager under the direction of the Primary Care Trust. At present I am a parish priest at Old St Paul's in Edinburgh, where I work within the parish and function as a member of the Clergy Team for a busy Episcopal Church in the centre of the city. I previously worked as Chaplain within the West Midlands Police Force, also with the Seafarers in the East End of London as well as a fireman for the West Yorkshire Playhouse."*

Ross, who was appointed last November, has already been instrumental in facilitating a Christmas Celebration held at Edinburgh's Telford College, an Easter Egg Treasure Hunt with the Waterfront Partnership and the development of stair groups by the churches to enable people to meet socially. Ross was also involved with the Waterfront Gala Day (supported by National Grid Property) which took place on 23rd August at Forthquarter Park. This family fun day aimed to act as a catalyst for the creative energies of the entire community with story telling, face painting, Chill Out Zone, a Bible Society Travelling Theatre and involvement from the police and Ainsley Park Sports. All community groups were invited to have a presence as community involvement was fundamentally important to the overall success of this project. It is hoped that the Gala event will be seen as a genuine reflection of the community's ideas and as such will become a focus for pride, integration and positive identity. Already other community days and a 2008 Christmas event are planned.

Finally Ross added, *"What I am doing is nothing new as churches have had a presence of building communities for hundreds of years. Please let me encourage you to become involved in the community activities or at the very least just come along to one of the events and enjoy the fun."*

**To contact Ross Bell, please e-mail [grantonproject@aol.com](mailto:grantonproject@aol.com) or phone 07976 157022.**

### **Molly's at the Arts**

A new café has reopened at North Edinburgh Arts in association with Molly's café, Ocean Terminal. The café is the concept of Lorraine Politi and was conceived at a Scottish Business in the Community brain storming session set up to assist with the development of the North Edinburgh Arts Centre. The idea is to work with North Edinburgh Arts to make the café a family friendly community resource with in house and off site catering for special occasions, a space to hang art and hold events.

The staff are local young people from Muirhouse and job placements and opportunities are being developed for Craigmoynton pupils. Amy Henderson (aged 18) said, *"The first week here was really busy as the Imagine Children's Festival had shows on. I am sure that when people get to know about the café it will really take off."*

Linzi Alderdice (aged 18) continued, *"Older people really missed the café as they liked to come here for a chat so I am sure that they will be delighted the café has reopened. Both Amy and I are involved in youth work and are members of Muirhouse Youth Development Group. The club is working with North Edinburgh Arts to develop activities for young people in the area and it would be great to have a youth café with*



Father Ross Bell

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our own space.”

Charlene Paget (aged 16), a former Craigroyston pupil, commented, *“I have just left Craigroyston but it was the school that organised my work experience here at Molly’s. I am enjoying myself and find working fun.”*

**Molly’s is keen to hear from you and what you would like to see happen in the café – be it a special event, activity or menu item. Just give them a ring on the main café number. To contact Molly’s at the Arts, phone 0131 343 2770.**

## CashBack for Communities Fund – Round 2

Round 2 applications for the CashBack for Communities fund are now being welcomed by YouthLink Scotland.

### What is this Grant Fund?

The fund has been set up as part of Proceeds of Crime (Act) Investment which takes funds confiscated as part of the proceeds of crime and reinvests them back into local communities.

### Who Can Apply?

The CashBack for Communities fund for Local Youth Projects is open to applications from local groups and partnerships. Be sure you are applying for the right fund. There are other CashBack initiatives for football and arts & culture, details of which can be found on the Scottish Government website at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Home>

### What Will Be Funded?

Priority will be given to projects from areas of multiple deprivation to fill gaps in provision for young people in those areas. Other areas may be funded if they are seen as suffering from particular problems or lack of resources. The grants will fund organisations which support young people who are currently involved or at risk of becoming involved in violence, alcohol, drugs and/or anti-social behaviour. The emphasis is on youth work interventions constructed with and for young people in the 10 – 19 age group. Groups in Argyll & Bute, East Lothian and North Lanarkshire will not be eligible to apply in round two as the allocations granted to these areas have all been distributed due to the high quality of applications in round 1.

### How Long Will Projects Be Funded?

Projects can run for more than one financial year but should be completed and all accounts settled by June 2010 at the latest.

**The deadline for applications is Friday 26th September 2008. Applications and guidance notes for round 2 can be found at <http://www.youthlink-scotland.org/Index.asp?MainID=8276>**

## Community Engagement Training

**Working with Communities, including BME groups**

**9.30am - 4.30pm, Wednesday 10th September 2008  
PAiH, 98 West George Street, Glasgow**

This course, delivered by Positive Action in Housing, explores the important area of engagement with BME communities. It considers issues of connecting up, consultation and participation with communities in general, and BME groups in particular.

The course will build on work undertaken elsewhere, including that undertaken by Communities Scotland. It includes considering areas as resident involvement, making



Café Team at Molly’s at the Arts  
– left to right: Amy Henderson,  
Charlene Paget and Linzi  
Alderdice

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contact with communities; carrying out meaningful consultation with tangible outputs; working with others in partnership, and looking at how approaches can become part of organisations' mainstream work.

The course will use practical examples, and case studies, to draw out general lessons and their applicability to the work of organisations in this area, drawing on good practice examples. Included in the course will be developing tenant/resident involvement and participation strategies, drawing on experience and lessons learnt across Scotland, and how BME groups are part of a proactive and inclusive approach.

#### Who should attend:

- Public bodies and statutory organisations
- Housing associations
- Community/voluntary and other organisations

#### Price:

- PAiH affiliated organisations: £190
- Non-members: £225
- Community/voluntary organisations: £195

On-line booking is available at <http://paih.org/users/training/community-engagement-training.htm> or contact Zandra Yeaman at [zandra@paih.org](mailto:zandra@paih.org)

## Migrant Rights and Information Day

**10am – 6pm, Friday 3rd October**  
**Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh**

The Positive Action in Housing's New Migrants Action Project is working in partnership with the City of Edinburgh Council and migrant community groups to organise a Migrant Rights and Information Day. The event will be an opportunity for new migrants in Edinburgh to meet representatives from a range of different organisations and get information and advice on their employment rights, housing rights and options, welfare benefits entitlements, healthcare rights, education rights and on a wide range of other topics.

Information stands will be arranged as much as possible around the information zones listed below:

#### Information Zones

- work and money
- finding work, changing work
- permits, visas & registration schemes
- rights at work
- business start-up
- tax & national insurance
- applying for welfare support
- bank accounts
- debt advice

#### Health and wellbeing

- about the national health service
- registering with a GP: why & how
- emergencies & out of hours
- pharmacies: how to find and use them
- finding & registering with a dentist
- health visitors
- sexual health
- mental health and wellbeing



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### Housing rights and options

- homeless or about to be: emergency help
- tenant & landlord rights & responsibilities
- sharing – rules & regulations
- applying to council & housing associations
- utilities: gas, electricity, etc
- help with paying rent: Housing Benefit
- buying a home in Scotland

### Learning

- children's schooling
- language support at school
- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- colleges and universities
- getting qualifications recognised in the UK
- lifelong learning opportunities
- learning and training at work

### Help and advice

- Local & national agencies providing:
- housing advice & information
- money matters
- legal advice
- immigration advice
- support for women
- support for young people

### Community and personal safety

- meet the police
- staying safe at home & in the community
- reporting crime, incl. 3rd party reporting
- racial harassment
- domestic abuse
- driving laws, rules and regulations
- victim support

### New Migrants

New migrants living in Edinburgh can come along to this event to find out more about their rights. The event is free and Polish, Czech, Russian, Romanian, Urdu and Mandarin interpreters will be present throughout the day.

### Organisations

If your organisation works in Edinburgh and you would like to attend the event to provide information and advice to new migrants, please contact the New Migrants Action Project on 0141 353 2220 or e-mail [migrantaction@paih.org](mailto:migrantaction@paih.org)

### Costs

On top of the usual costs of organising such a large event, the interpreting and translation costs will be considerable. The organisers are therefore asking for organisations to contribute a small fee of £10 per information stand to help cover some of these costs, and seeking sponsorship from larger organisations. If your organisation would like to be a sponsor of the event and have your details included in press releases, publicity and information packs on the day, please contact Positive Action in Housing as soon as possible to discuss. Please note, charitable organisations will not be required to pay a fee for their information stand.

Further information and booking forms are available at <http://www.paih.org/New-Migrants-Action-Project/Migrant-Rights-and-Information-Day-Edinburgh.html>

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## Eradicating Child Poverty in Scotland Conference

A Holyrood Magazine one-day conference

Monday 24th November 2008

Radisson SAS, Glasgow

According to the recently released Scottish Households Below Average Income statistics, there are currently 210,000 children in low income households and an additional 120,000 children suffering from absolute poverty in Scotland.

In 1998, both the Scottish and UK Government pledged to eradicate child poverty by 2020. While some progress has been made, we are running the risk of not being able to meet these ambitious targets. Where do we go from here? What actions can we take now to get back on track to meeting these targets and keeping up the good work undertaken so far?

**Key issues this conference will consider include:**

- Embedding the child poverty agenda in the Single Outcome Agreements (SOAs)
- Identifying and overcoming barriers to sustained employment
- Improving the take up of tax credits and benefits
- How Holyrood and Westminster can work together to achieve the eradication of child poverty
- Areas of multiple deprivation and rural poverty
- The role of gender in child poverty
- Poverty in the school holidays
- Fuel poverty for children and families

This event will give delegates the opportunity to learn about the Government's anti-poverty framework, and feed into the ongoing inquiry into child poverty being undertaken by the Local Government and Communities Committee at the Scottish Parliament.

**Keynote Speakers:**

- Nicola Sturgeon MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing, The Scottish Government
- Rt. Hon. Stephen Timms MP, Minister of State for Employment and Welfare Reform, The UK Government
- George Black, Chief Executive, Glasgow City Council
- Adrian Sinfield, Professor Emeritus, Social Policy, The University of Edinburgh
- Colin Hood, Chief Operating Officer, Scottish and Southern Energy
- John Dickie, Head of Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland

Further details and booking information are available at <http://conferences.holyrood.com/content/view/562/142/>

## 'Working Together' - EDAS Annual Conference 2008

31st October 2008

Registration: 0900 – 1000, Programme: 1000 – 1600

SunMicrosystems, Springfield, Linlithgow

Set against the backdrop of the Scottish Government's economic development strategy, EDAS's Working Together event series, culminates in this major annual



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conference bringing together representation from public, private and voluntary organisations.

One year on from the Strategy's publication this conference will discuss progress and the challenges we all face in Scotland's drive for economic growth.

Wealthier & Fairer; Smarter; Healthier; Safer & Stronger; Greener... are we closer to the Vision? What is yet to be addressed and how?

A high calibre programme of acclaimed speakers combined with opportunities for discussion sessions, one-to-one meetings and networking.

#### Speakers:

- **Welcome:** Professor Alan McGregor, Chair of EDAS
- **Conference Chair:** Liz Connolly, Regional Director (West), Scottish Enterprise
- **Working Together: A Vision for Scotland:** Crawford Beveridge, Executive Vice President & Chair, Sun Microsystems in Europe & Member of Scottish Government Council of Economic Advisers
- **Wealthier & Fairer:** Professor Alan McGregor, Director, Training & Employment Research Unit, University of Glasgow and EDAS Chair
- **Greener:** Maf Smith, Scottish Director, Sustainable Development Commission
- **Healthier:** Professor Phil Hanlon, Professor of Public Health, University of Glasgow
- **Safer & Stronger:** Ian Manson, Chief Executive, Clyde Gateway and Chair of the Scottish Government 'Safer & Stronger' Sub Group
- **Smarter:** Willy Roe, Chair, Skills Development Scotland and Chair, Highlands & Islands Enterprise
- **One Year On:** Scottish Government representative to be announced
- **Sun Microsystems Reception** hosted by Hugh Aitken, Vice President, Worldwide Customer Fulfilment, Sun Microsystems

#### Fee:

£50 (members)

£120 (non members - joining fee only £60)

Buy 2 places, get 3rd place free

This event is supported by Scottish Enterprise and SunMicrosystems.

Further information and booking forms are available at <http://www.edascot.org.uk/event.php?id=45>

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## Introduction to Economic Development Course

**8th - 9th December 2008**

**The Lighthouse, Mitchell Lane, Glasgow**

On behalf of the Economic Development Association Scotland (EDAS), Glasgow University's Training and Employment Research Unit (TERU) will lead a 2-day course on 'Policy and Practice for Local Economic Development'.

This non-residential course sets out to provide an introduction to economic development and the basic approaches required in delivering economic development in all areas.

The course will attract a small group of 15- 20 people, to ensure the course is as discussive and interactive as possible.

You will benefit from this course if you are working in economic development but:

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- are new to economic development
- have limited experience of economic development and have not been exposed to the strategic aspects of economic development. For example those involved in front line roles.
- work in any functional area, but have an interest in economic development

#### Speakers:

TERU team, led by Professor Alan McGregor, Director of TERU & Professor of Economic Development, University of Glasgow

#### Fee:

£400 + VAT (member)

£500 + VAT (non member)

A 5% discount is available to non members who are members of Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum (SURF)

Further information and booking forms are available at <http://www.edascot.org.uk/event.php?id=16>

## An Introduction to Cultural Planning Theory and Practice

Cultural planning is an approach to regeneration and community development: a method to encourage community engagement, build more attractive communities and improve the lives of local citizens. In response to this, Fablevision developed a training programme tailored to meet the needs of employees in the public, private and voluntary sectors who wish to engage with cultural planning methodology.

Although operating at Higher Education level 9, no previous academic qualifications are required if practical experience is demonstrable. The course is structured to be delivered over a period of nine months between October 2008 and June 2009.

The course is organised by the National Cultural Planning Forum, Fablevision and the University of Strathclyde.

Please e-mail Liz Gardiner for further information at [liz@fablevision.org](mailto:liz@fablevision.org)

## Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival

Between the 1st and 19th October 2008 Glasgow will be hosting the second Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival. This exploration of mental health includes film, theatre, music, exhibitions, literature and comedy. Events will be held across Scotland in major arts and community venues in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Edinburgh, West Lothian, Renfrewshire, Dundee and Perth. A network of festivals is springing up in Europe and US as the festival develops international partners.

#### Festival aims:

Mental health is an issue that almost all of us encounter at some point in our lives. The festival seeks to promote positive attitudes towards mental health, mental illness, support and recovery, and to effect significant cultural change amongst opinion-formers and the public through the insights and influences of the creative arts. The festival is not a fundraiser and is led by:

- The Mental Health Foundation in partnership with a consortium of lead organisations including:
- See Me

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- Positive Mental Attitudes
- Breathing Space
- Scottish Recovery Network
- Healthy Working Lives/Health Scotland
- NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
- The partners are joined by a supporting network of over 80 arts, public, community and voluntary organisations across Scotland.

#### Themes, strands & events:

- There will be a set of screenings with high profile panels, some of the themes include family, men's mental health and the impact of war.
- There will be a set of music gigs cutting across genres and linking in with screenings of music films and documentaries, and there will be a mental health mela.
- Several plays will be in the programme in major theatres from Lyceum to the Tron including new pieces and tours.
- Comedy gigs will feature and there are a range of exciting exhibitions.
- A literary festival is being planned with talks, readings, panels and workshops.
- A set of multi arts events are scheduled and will work closely with ethnic minority organisations, asylum seeker and refugee communities, later life groups and men's/women's organisations.

Further information is available at <http://www.mhfestival.com/>

## Tackling Social Exclusion through Partnership - Removing the Barriers

### Inside Government's National Social Exclusion Event

**10.00 – 16.30, Wednesday 22nd October 2008**  
**QEII Conference Centre - London**

The Government in its action plan on social exclusion (August 2006) set out the next steps in its drive to tackle the root causes of deep-seated disadvantage. It stated its priority as reaching the one million people at risk of persistent social exclusion, who have not yet benefited from opportunities that the majority of people can now take for granted.

It stated the Government's intention of tackling deep-seated social exclusion with the help of five guiding principles:

- Better identification and early intervention;
- Systematic identification of what works;
- Better multi-agency working;
- Personalisation, and rights and responsibilities where appropriate;
- Supporting achievement and managing under performance.

The Government re-emphasised its commitment to tackle social exclusion through partnership when it published its Public Service Agreement (PSA) 16 last autumn. It identifies four areas of focus:

- Care leavers;
- Adult offenders under probation supervision;

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- Adult community mental health service users;
- Adults with learning disabilities.

The PSA states that these are government priorities, but there will be no national targets. Each council can negotiate its own "suitably ambitious" targets. Twelve out of the thirty Public Service Agreements are focused on reducing poverty and disadvantage - an indication of how seriously this government takes the task of creating a fairer and more equal society.

The Government has had success in improving lives for the most disadvantaged groups, and the Cabinet Office recently launched "Think Family: Improving the Life Chances of Families at Risk" (January 2008), which sets out a vision for a local system that improves the life chances of families at risk and helps to break the cycle of disadvantage.

Due to the sheer complexity and scale of social exclusion, the priority groups are chosen because they run a high risk of slipping through the net of uncoordinated service provision; they are disproportionately likely to be jobless, potentially consigning them to a lifetime of exclusion, at high human cost to them and their families, and huge financial cost to society. There remain many challenges in reaching those hard to reach groups, caught in a cycle of disadvantage.

Delegates at this national event will have the opportunity to discuss and explore the key issues and more, most notably:

- Promoting sustainable employment for excluded groups and tackling disadvantage in the labour market;
- How to increase the employment rate of the most excluded groups;
- How the most at-risk groups can be identified;
- How the early identification of those most at-risk can be improved;
- How interventions can be targeted more effectively at those most at-risk;
- How the most disadvantaged can be ensured of a voice;
- How technology can be utilized to tackle social exclusion;
- How social exclusion can be tackled through effective communication and education;
- How best to reach the financially excluded;
- How to increase the financial capability of the most excluded groups;
- How best to support families at risk;
- How the outcomes and aspirations of children in care can be raised;
- How those with mental health problems can receive effective services and find and retain work.

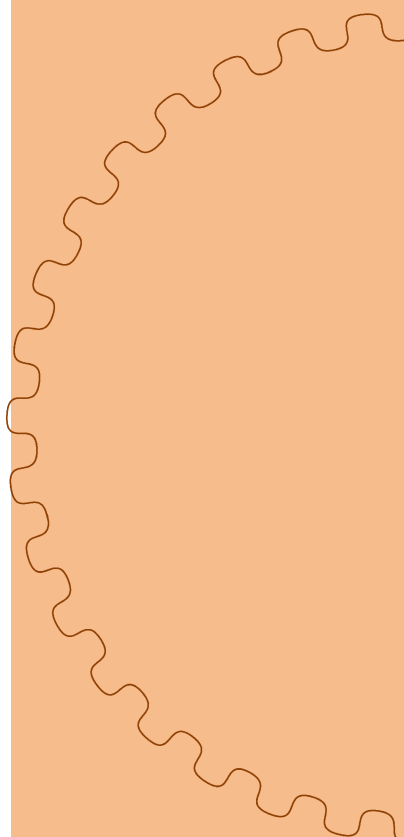
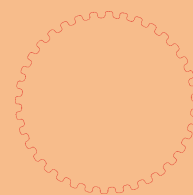
Further details are available at [http://www.insidegovernment.co.uk/other/social\\_exclusion/](http://www.insidegovernment.co.uk/other/social_exclusion/) and online booking is available at <http://www.insidegovernment.co.uk/booking.php>

## Creative Clusters 2008

17th – 20th November  
Glasgow

Creative Clusters' first visit north of the border takes place at a time when political and cultural change is in the air at every level - in Scotland and further afield.

2008 has seen the launch of the UK Government's 'Creative Britain' report and the UN's global 'Creative Economy Report'. In Scotland, September sees the Scottish Broadcasting Commission's 'strategic way forward for Scottish broadcasting' and



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further debate on Creative Scotland, the new national strategic body for the arts, screen and creative sectors. Creative Clusters will examine all of these initiatives.

Scotland's growing confidence and sense of identity is setting the pace for cultural and political change in the UK and in Europe. With events in both Edinburgh and Glasgow, Creative Clusters 2008 offers the ideal time to catch up with creative economy developments from around the world.

**Further details and booking information are available at**  
<http://www.creativeclusters.com/>

## PUBLICATIONS

### Scottish Household Survey: Annual Report - Results from 2007

The results from this survey contains national results and results for subgroups of the population on a number of key topics including household composition; housing; neighbourhoods and communities; economic activity; financial inclusion; education; transport; internet and broadband; health and caring; local services; volunteering; culture and sport. **The document is available at** <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/08/07100738/0>

### Drug Related Deaths in Scotland in 2007

Figures compiled by the General Register Office for Scotland show that there were 455 drug-related deaths in 2007. An increase of 8 per cent compared to 2006. The publication is available at <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/publications-and-data/drug-related-deaths/drug-related-deaths-in-scotland-2007/index.html>

### Strengthening for the Future: A Consultation on the Reform of the Children's Hearings System

This consultation document details proposals to reform and streamline Scotland's Children's Hearings system, to improve the support given to vulnerable young people and create a more integrated system. **The document and details of how to respond to the consultation are available at** <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/08/01110537/0>

### SCVO Briefing on Single Outcome Agreements

This briefing collates a review of 29 out of Scotland's 32 local authority Single Outcome Agreements. The questions look at the quality and extent of engagement and consultation of the sector in producing the SOAs, and a sense of the extent to which the sector is involved in delivering outcomes. **The document is available on Senscot's website at** <http://www.senscot.net/docs/SCVOBRIEFINGonSOAs.doc>

### Change the Direction of Travel – Invest in Community Led Regeneration

The Local People Leading campaign (LPL) wants to see a fundamental shift in the way Regeneration is delivered in Scotland. In place of top down Partnerships, run by civic officials, LPL want to see the spread of independent, community-owned regeneration vehicles led by local people. The one-off windfall of £40m from dormant bank accounts offers a rare opportunity to do something different. LPL has produced a 2 page position statement proposing that the money should be endowed to Scotland's 20 poorest communities (£2m each) to provide them with an independent income in perpetuity. **The position statement is available on Senscot's website at** [http://www.senscot.net/view\\_news.php?viewid=7455](http://www.senscot.net/view_news.php?viewid=7455)

### Linking Opportunity and Need: Maximising the Regeneration Benefits from Physical Investment

This Scottish Government research aims to identify, and explore in detail, good practice approaches taken to connecting the regeneration investment to the needs of disadvantaged areas and groups in the United Kingdom. **The document is available at** <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/07/24090451/0>

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### Scottish Social Attitudes Survey 2007: Core Module Report 2 - Subjective Perceptions of Well-Being in Scotland?

This report discusses the topline findings on subjective well-being levels in Scotland and compares the findings with other countries across Europe. It also explores the relationship between socio-demographic data and well-being. The report is available on the Scottish Government's website at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/08/12162152/0>

### The State of the Nation – Race and Racism in Scotland 2008

With the lack of information on race and racism increasingly recognised, Glasgow Anti Racist Alliance (GARA) has launched this report, which is a collation of statistics and data relating to Black/Minority Ethnic (BME) people in Scotland. The statistics have been gathered from a number of sources, including Scottish Government publications, academic research and studies carried out by voluntary organisations. The document summarises statistics in a number of sections such as health, education, employment, housing and criminal justice. **The report is available at [http://www.gara.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=255&Itemid=108](http://www.gara.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=255&Itemid=108)**

### Engaging and Empowering Women in Poverty

This report examines participatory research conducted with women in poverty living in Birmingham, Cardiff and London. The project aimed to build their political capacity so that they could take their collective knowledge and experience, present it as policy proposals to policy-makers and actively help to produce policy change. **The report is available on the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's website at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/knowledge/findings/socialpolicy/2219.asp>**

### Changing Economic Circumstances in Childhood and their Effects on Subsequent Educational and other Outcomes

The detrimental effects of poverty on children's development are well established. However, it is the nature and size of the link between changes in family income and income related measures on the one hand and child outcomes on the other, particularly educational and behaviour outcomes, that form the essence of this report from the Department for Work and Pensions. The findings have been generated from sophisticated statistical analyses of three longitudinal datasets: the British Birth Cohort Study that started in 1970, the more recent Millennium Cohort Study that started in 2001 and the National Pupil Database – the administrative dataset generated from school records and pupils' test scores. **The report is available at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/WP49.pdf>**

### Poverty and Inequality and Children

The TUC has published this briefing which shows that inequality is as bad as poverty for children. It harms their health, their education and their wellbeing. It then shows that the UK has had significant successes over the last ten years in reducing the level of poverty, but progress on inequality is much more muted: by European standards this is still a very unequal country. **The briefing is available at <http://www.tuc.org.uk/extras/povertyandchildren.doc>**

### Experiences and Expectations of Disabled People

This first comprehensive study of disability issues in six years looks at key policy areas including employment, education, transport, health and discrimination across Great Britain in 2007. The research, commissioned by the Office for Disability Issues, shows that whilst progress is being made, disabled people in Britain are still more likely than non-disabled people to experience disadvantage in a variety of areas. **The report is available at <http://www.officefordisability.gov.uk/research/eedp.asp>**

### Mental Health and Employment

This study, from the Department for Work and Pensions, was designed to address a gap in knowledge about the circumstances that lead people to claim Incapacity Benefit (IB) because of a mental health condition, and what factors contribute to people with mental health conditions returning to work after a period on IB. The study also investigated employers' understandings and experiences of dealing with mental health conditions in the workplace. **The report is available at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2007-2008/rrep513.pdf>**

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### High Hopes: Supporting Ex-Prisoners in their Lives after Prison

The Department for Work and Pensions has published this study on the lives of ex-prisoners, their employment experiences and support services available to them upon their release from prison. The study was commissioned to establish a stronger understanding of the barriers faced by ex-prisoners in the first few months after release from prison. **The report is available at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2007-2008/rrep509.pdf>**

### Capital City Partnership

is a partnership of key statutory, voluntary and community agencies in the city working together to promote social inclusion and achieve social justice for the people of Edinburgh. We exist to find creative and sustainable solutions to overcome social exclusion and to promote joined up governance in the city. For further details about Capital City Partnership please go to the website at <http://www.capitalcitypartnership.org> or contact us at the address below.

### Alternative Formats

The Capital City Partnership Social Inclusion e-zine is distributed monthly by e-mail in PDF and text-only Word formats. Large text, braille, audio copies and community language translations are available on request by contacting Gillian Baxter, Information Worker, on 0131 270 6040. The e-zine is also available either in PDF format or as a text-only Word file, on the Capital City Partnership website at <http://www.capitalcitypartnership.org>

### Forthcoming Copy Deadline & Mailing List

The Capital City Partnership Social Inclusion e-zine is published on the first Monday of each month. The next issue will, therefore, be available on **Monday 6th October** and any information for inclusion, along with contact details, should be submitted to [gillianbaxter@capitalcitypartnership.org](mailto:gillianbaxter@capitalcitypartnership.org) under the heading 'CCP e-zine contribution' by **Friday 26th September** and should be relevant to the publication date.

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